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## LETTER

FROM

## THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMUNICATING,

*In obedience to law, a list of property belonging to the United States in his possession.*

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DECEMBER 12, 1878.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, December 11, 1878.*

SIR: In accordance with the requirements of the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for inventories and accounts of the property of the United States in the public buildings and grounds belonging to the United States in the District of Columbia," approved July 15, 1870, I have the honor to transmit herewith a full and complete inventory of all property belonging to the United States in the buildings, rooms, offices, and grounds occupied by this department and under its charge.

The inventory consists of, A, a table showing the number of the various articles of property in each of the bureaus of this department and the same aggregated; B, a list of the articles of property purchased for the use of the department during the year ending the 30th ultimo; and, C, a list of such property as has been sold by the department during the same period.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

C. SCHURZ,  
*Secretary.*

Hon. WILLIAM A. WHEELER,  
*Vice-President of the United States and President of the Senate.*

A.—Inventory of property belonging to the United States in the buildings, rooms, offices, and grounds occupied by the Department of the Interior, taken on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1878, in accordance with the act of Congress approved July 15, 1870.

Articles of property.	Office.							Total.	
	Secretary's.	Patent.	Pension.	Land.	Indian.	Census.	Auditor railroad accounts.		Education.
Awnings.	33	75	112	55	10	-----	4	-----	289
Book-cases.	17	43	17	28	18	-----	-----	5	128
Book-racks.	16	28	8	22	15	1	1	2	93
Book-rests.	-----	38	-----	20	11	-----	-----	-----	69
Carpets.	18	46	26	43	11	1	2	5	152
Carriages.	1	1	1	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	3
Coal-hods.	13	14	-----	42	8	-----	-----	3	80
Curtains.	-----	4	5	2	-----	-----	-----	-----	11
Chairs.	150	487	398	300	84	3	5	41	1,468
Clocks.	13	54	13	8	4	1	1	2	96
Desks.	50	263	185	253	60	2	7	23	843
Desk-covers.	6	-----	2	22	-----	-----	-----	-----	30
Drop-lights.	3	18	7	7	3	-----	-----	3	41
Engravings.	2	11	-----	4	4	-----	-----	4	25
File-cases.	22	112	79	205	15	3	3	5	444
Fire-extinguishers.	4	-----	2	-----	-----	-----	-----	2	8
Fire-screens.	9	30	26	37	3	-----	-----	-----	105
Flag (United States).	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
Hat-racks.	1	28	2	2	-----	-----	1	1	35
Hose-carriage.	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
Hand-stamps.	7	36	20	14	5	-----	1	2	85
Horses.	2	-----	1	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	4
Harness (sets).	2	-----	1	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	4
Iron safes.	4	3	1	2	-----	-----	-----	-----	10
Letter-presses.	9	31	6	10	3	1	1	1	62
Lamps.	7	2	-----	6	2	-----	-----	-----	17
Lounges.	2	4	2	3	1	-----	-----	2	14
Lawn-mowers.	3	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	3
Map-racks.	1	2	2	2	2	-----	1	-----	10
Mail-bags.	3	4	2	2	1	-----	-----	-----	12
Mats.	8	-----	2	4	-----	-----	-----	-----	14
Mattings.	12	25	8	40	4	-----	1	-----	90
Mirrors.	17	55	31	37	11	-----	1	4	156
Paintings.	6	3	1	8	8	-----	-----	-----	26
Paper-racks.	1	-----	-----	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	2
Pigeon-hole cases.	15	189	187	77	20	-----	-----	1	489
Push-carts.	1	2	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	4
Photographs.	-----	16	10	3	3	-----	-----	2	34
Printing-presses.	-----	3	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	4
Rugs.	12	10	1	15	1	-----	-----	1	40
Sealing-presses.	1	1	-----	2	-----	-----	-----	1	5
Sofas.	5	1	4	4	1	-----	-----	-----	15
Soap-dishes.	15	38	-----	30	15	-----	2	4	104
Scales (pairs).	11	7	4	20	5	-----	-----	3	50
Shades (window).	29	78	134	76	17	-----	4	-----	338
Shovels and tongs.	4	21	-----	30	2	-----	-----	-----	57
Spittoons.	37	242	179	160	29	-----	4	6	657
Step-ladders.	12	74	14	37	10	-----	1	6	154
Stoves.	1	9	-----	3	-----	-----	-----	1	14
Stools.	2	310	10	3	3	-----	2	-----	330
Tables.	31	85	188	51	24	-----	2	17	398
Towel-racks.	10	15	8	3	4	-----	1	8	49
Truck-wagon.	1	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1
Type-writing machines.	-----	-----	-----	-----	1	-----	1	-----	2
Thermometers.	6	20	9	7	1	1	-----	3	47
Umbrella-stands.	10	20	2	16	7	-----	-----	-----	58
Ventilators.	3	8	-----	2	4	-----	-----	-----	17
Wash-stands.	-----	12	12	26	-----	-----	-----	1	51
Wash-basins.	1	12	15	25	1	-----	-----	-----	54
Wash-pitchers.	2	10	15	24	1	-----	-----	-----	52
Water-pitchers.	14	7	4	4	8	-----	1	2	40
Water-coolers.	4	47	12	11	5	-----	-----	-----	81
Water-cooler stands.	-----	25	12	4	3	-----	-----	2	46
Water-buckets.	48	23	43	32	7	-----	-----	5	158
Wardrobes.	5	15	6	4	1	1	-----	2	34

B.—*List of property purchased for the use of the Department of the Interior during the year ending November 30, 1878.*

134 awnings.	9 pigeon-hole cases.
20 book-cases.	32 soap-dishes.
18 book-racks.	91 shades (window).
1 carriage.	5 shovels and tongs.
18 carpets.	73 spittoons.
116 chairs.	3 stoves.
7 clocks.	20 stools.
2 coal-hods.	35 tables.
78 desks.	16 towel-racks.
1 drop-light.	3 thermometers.
45 file-cases.	2 type-writing machines.
5 fire-screens.	10 water-pitchers.
7 hand-stamps.	7 water-coolers.
1 horse.	1 wardrobe.
2 letter-presses.	7 wash-pitchers.
1 lounge.	38 water-buckets.
6 lamps.	6 wash-basins.
6 mats.	2 water-cooler stands.
55 mattings.	1 wash-stand.
20 mirrors.	6 fire extinguishers.

C.—*List of property sold by the Department of the Interior during the year ending November 30, 1878.*

1 arm chair.	1 lot paper-linings.
4 book-racks.	1 pigeon-hole.
8 carpets.	2 rolls cocoa matting.
1 cooler-stand.	55 rolls matting.
1 desk.	1 stool.
14 desk-tops.	45,776 pounds waste paper.